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**ANA Academy Graduates first Class Taught by ANA**

**Zabul, Afghanistan-** The Afghan National Army celebrated a momentous occasion Thursday, Jan. 13 at Forward Operating Base Eagle. The Afghan Army graduated more than 20 students taught completely by Afghan instructors.

Throughout their deployment to the Zabul Province, Afghanistan, Troopers from 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Cavalry Regiment are conducting the ANA Academy course to give their Afghan counterparts a better understanding of how U.S. and coalition forces operate in terms of tactics, techniques and procedures. As they were teaching each class, exceptional ANA Soldiers were selected to receive additional training to become instructors. Thursday marked the completion of the first Academy course taught completely by ANA noncommissioned officers.

“The instructors stepped up and took the lead in teaching everything,” said Sgt. Ken Huguley, an ANA Academy instructor from 2 SCR. “We were behind the scenes mentors, making sure they checked the blocks and covered everything.”

According to Huguley, each ANA instructor was given thorough training on how to teach each class.

“We broke each lesson down to the basics for them,” he explained, “in order to give them a good foundation. Once we did that the instructors picked it up quickly,” Huguley also mentioned that if an instructor was unclear about how to teach a class, they were very quick to ask their mentors for help.

Similar to the U.S. Forces NCO Academy program, the ANA Academy teaches NCOs various troop leading skills, battle drills, room clearing and other techniques used by Soldiers in the course of their mission. This program being taught by Afghan instructors brings can be considered a great step towards the final goal of a safe and secure Afghanistan completely protected by Afghan National Forces.



**Leaders :** The Afghan instructors of the ANA Academy Class line up to receive recognition for their work at Forward Operating Base Eagle. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry Wilson)



**Victory :** A graduate of the ANA Academy at Forward Operating Base Eagle proudly displays his diploma to his classmates.  
(Photo by Sgt. Jerry Wilson)